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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the attached forms PTO-1449a and PTO-1449b are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the documents were previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statements dated January 22, 1999, April 20, 1999, June 9, 1999, February 15, 2000 and June 30, 2000, directed to the related application Serial Number 09/235,809 and Information Disclosure Statements dated January 22, 1999 and April 30, 2001 directed to the related application

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Serial Number 09/235,961, and accordingly, copies are not included herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- With the new patent application submitted herewith (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(a)).
- Within three months of the application filing date or before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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- After receipt of a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, a Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided herein. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1189 for any fees required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(p) or 1.17(i)(1).

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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